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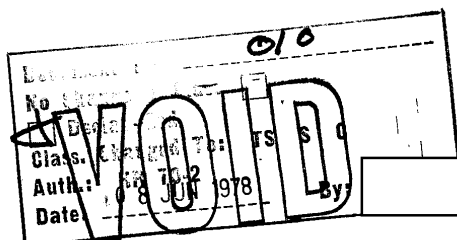
1. The following shipments were made from the Praterkai dock between 30 August - 2 September 1949:
 - a. 30 carloads of "Kardiakabel" (marked on drums), underground cable, for Czechoslovakia. This material arrived at the Praterkai by truck.
 - b. 3 truckloads of valves of various sizes. This material was loaded into a barge flying the Bulgarian flag.
 - c. 13 large mechanical excavators, several of at least 30 tons, new, of Austrian manufacture, sent by rail to Czechoslovakia. Because of large cable inlets, source believes that these excavators are electrically driven.
2. The source also reports that large quantities of scrap are piled in the dock area and that every day about three carloads are sent to Hungary by rail.
3. The following items* were shipped to Bulgaria from DDSG Praterkai Dock during the period 27 September - 3 October 1949:
 - a. 3 carloads of 12 to 15 millimeter rolled steel bands.
 - b. 3 carloads of 50 liter galvanized iron milk cans. A total of 3,800 milk cans are now stored in a DDSG Praterkai warehouse.
 - c. 2 carloads of Siemens-Schuckert electric motors, packed in 100 x 75 x 120 cm cases, shipped to Elektro-Import, Sofia.
 - d. 126 sewing machines, manufactured by Hofherr-Schranitz Ges.m.b.H.
 - e. 32 thirty-liter glass flasks containing sulfuric acid and hydrochloric acid from Gerstner, Vienna.**
 - f. 8 steam delousing machines.

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- g. 6 "Kaplan" turbines, manufactured by J. M. Voith, St. Poelten, packed cases with spare parts and other equipment, weighing a total of 100 tons. These turbines were shipped on a Bulgarian barge, the number of which is not known.
4. During the period 27 September - 3 October 1949, one barge load of granite cobblestones was shipped to Rumania on a Rumanian barge.
5. The following items are now stored in a Praterkai warehouse awaiting shipment:
- a. 20 rolls, each containing three spools of armored cable, weighing a total of 4,400 kilograms, manufactured by Ariadne Draht- und Kabelwerke A.G., Vienna, awaiting shipment to Rumania.
 - b. 1 large turbine, blade diameter 4 meters, equipped with a conduit, manufactured by J.M. Voith, St. Poelten.
 - c. 6 new Ford (Canadian) 1 1/2-ton tank trucks, 4 of which are already crated. These trucks look like "desert water tanks", are painted bright colors, and were allegedly purchased by a Bulgarian captain, who has since been arrested for blackmarketeering, for shipment via Bulgaria to Israel.

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Comment: Items a-f were shipped on Bulgarian barge

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Comment: The exact name of the Gerstner firm cannot be determined in the 1949 Handels or Industrie Compass or the Vienna Telephone Directory.

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